



Beaver Creek Reservoir 2007



Beaver Creek is a 104-acre reservoir that was impounded as a water supply for the Town of Crozet in 1964. It has historically provided a good angling resource for channel catfish, largemouth bass, and bluegill. Anglers also enjoy beautiful views of the mountains above the lake's forested shoreline.

Beaver Creek was sampled using electrofishing in April, 2006. A total of seven species of fish were collected of which four were game species.

As in the previous sample in 2000, a large number of bass were collected. Almost half of them, however, were young fish, indicating that recent recruitment was strong. As in the past, most of the bass were in the 10-13-inch range. The largest bass was only 16 inches long. Though small, bass were plump and healthy.

A good supply of bluegill was found in the sample. Their abundance and size structure appear to have increased since 2000. An excellent number of 8+ inch fish were collected, although they were a little skinny on average.

Black crappie and channel catfish showed up in the sample as well, although neither is typically sampled well using electrofishing. A few of the crappie were in the 9+ inch range. Channel catfish, which are stocked annually, should continue to provide good fishing. Overall, Beaver Creek contains a very good supply of medium size fish, but lunkers will be very rare.